OIPE JAN 11 2005 2

B 37.							
MENDMENT TRANSMITTAL					☐ Large Entity ☑ Small Entity		
Applicant(s): Multerer, Alfred					Docket No.		
					91	136.000003	
Serial No.	Examiner	Examiner Group Art Unit					
10/706,587 November 12, 2003			Tran, Khoi F	l	3651		
Invention: TRANSPORTATION DEVICE							
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:							
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.							
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.							
CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
	CLAIMS REMAINING	HIGHEST # PREV.	NUMBER EXTRA	DAT	_]	ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	AFTER AMENDMENT 15 -	PAID FOR =	CLAIMS PRESENT 0	X 50	.00	ADDITIONAL FEE \$0.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS	1 -	1 =	0		0.00	\$0.00	
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable)							
If small entity status, reduce by						\$0.00	
	TOT	AL ADDITIONAL	. FEE FOR THIS	AMENDI	MENT	\$0.00	
 No additional fee is required for amendment. □ Please charge Deposit Account No. 03-3875 in the amount of A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. □ A check in the amount of to cover the filing fee is enclosed. □ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-3875. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. 							
Thomas B. Ryan Registration No. 31,659 Dated: January 7, 2005							
Customer No.	the U.S. Posta 1.8 and is add Patents, P.O. I January 7, 200 Signate	I certify that this document and fee is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on January 7, 2005. Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence Paula Weil Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence					



PATENTS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Multerer, Alfred

Appl. No.: 10/706,587 Atty. Docket: 91136.000003

Filed: November 12, 2003 Examiner: Tran, Khoi H

Conf. No. 6679 Art Unit: 3651

Title: TRANSPORTATION DEVICE

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the final Office action mailed November 9, 2004, please reconsider the rejections on the basis of the following remarks.

Objection to New Matter

The Examiner has objected to the proposed illustration of the disclosed transportation means in the form of grasping elements 9, which were added to the drawings of Figs. 1 and 2. The transportation means, including specific forms of the means as grasping elements, were disclosed in the original specification. For example, paragraph [12] says that "a transportation device or a holding device can be arranged at the transportation rope." Original paragraph [17] describes the role of the transportation means as "persons or skiers to be transported approach the transportation device, preferably at the same level as the valley station, grasp the transportation rope or a transportation means (not shown) attached thereto. The transportation device transports the person(s) to be conveyed from the driving station 1 in the direction of the return/deflection station 2. Having arrived there, the skier or the person to be transported lets go of the rope or the transportation means."